Buses which went out of use.

5. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state the number of buses which went out of use up to date and the steps taken for their disposal and the amount realised by such disposals, if any?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: 103 buses of Transport Department went out of use up to date, out of which 50 were dismantled and the parts made use of in building new buses. 44 were auctioned and nine are still lying in various garages.

The proceeds of auction sale amounted to Rs. 19,324 Chs. 26 C. 15.

Break downs of the Transport buses.

6. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware of the large number of break downs of the transport buses including Express Buses plying between Nagercoil and Trivandrum in recent times; and

(*b*) if so, why?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) No.; Breakdowns are only occasional.

(*b*) Due to mechanical troubles.

Nagercoil Transport Workshop.

7. **Mr T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any qualified Mechanical Engineers in the Nagercoil Workshop; and

(*b*) if not why they were not employed?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker: (*a*) No.

(*b*) They are not needed.

District Officers in the Transport Department.

8. **Mr. T M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the District Officers in the Department have power to inspect and control bus break downs; and

(*b*) if so, whether such officers are provided with special conveyances to supervise the same?

Mr. C. P. Gopala Panicker. (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

Overloading in Transport buses.

9. **Mr. T. M. Chidambarathanu Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Police are empowered to check over loading in transport buses; and

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